Ark Angels

VOLUME TWO

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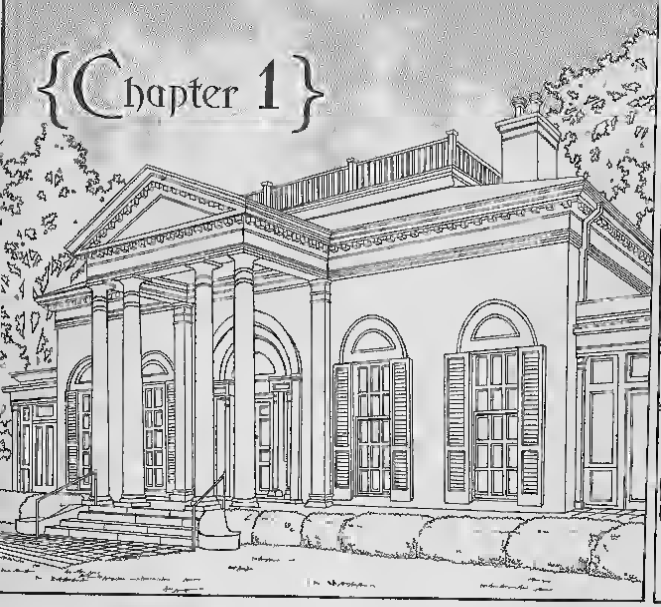
We don't just see an animal's physical form, but We look inside to its soul.
That's why... We believe every life is equal and precious.

This is my oldest sister, Shem.
This is Hamu. She likes to complain.
She's kind-hearted and is really serious about most things, so when she gets angry, she's like a monster!
ME?! BUT I'M SO SWEET.
She is my second-oldest sister. She got the good looks but was made disagreeable in return. She hates men with a passion.
My name is Japheth. I'm the youngest sister.
NOW ON TO OUR NEXT MISSION!

{Chapter 1}

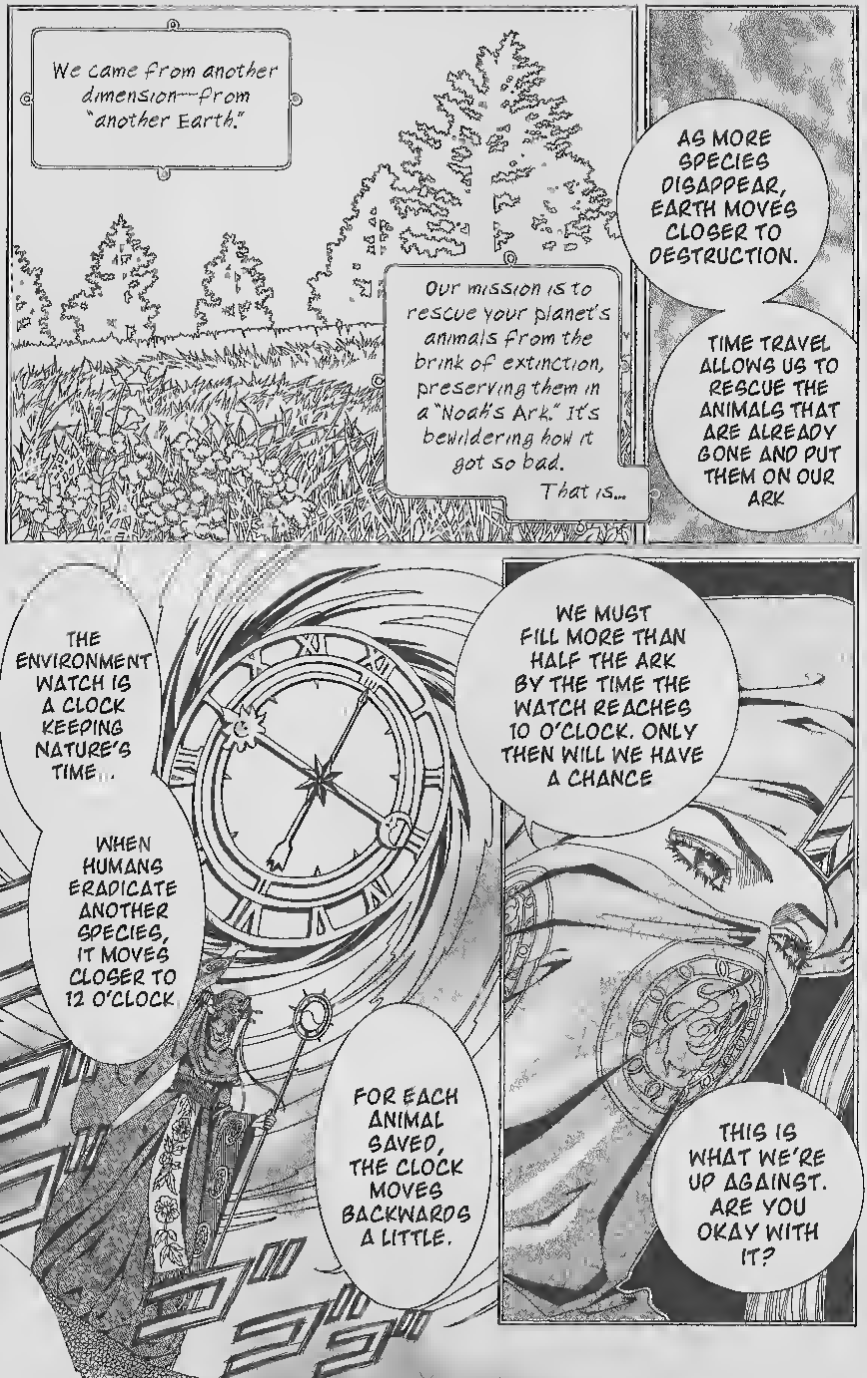


WE'RE HAVING PANCAKES TODAY, JAPHETH?
YOU BET, HAMU. WITH BLACK TEA, THE PERFECT DRINK FOR FRUITY FLAPJACKS.

I'LL HAVE MILK IN MINE. LOOKS DELICIOUS!
HOW'S IT GOING, GUYS?!

I'VE COME TO INFORM YOU OF YOUR NEXT MISSION.
PLUS, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I CHECKED IN ON YOU.
THIS YOUR MILK TEA, SHEM? WERE YOU GUYS HAVING BREAKFAST?
Dad!!
YUMMY! PANCAKES AND FRESH FRUIT!
I SHOULD SAMPLE THIS AND SEE IF YOUR COOKING'S IMPROVED.
ARRRGHHH! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?!

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING, VOLUNTEERING US THAT WAY?
HOW DO YOU SLEEP AT NIGHT AFTER SENDING US TO THIS DUMP?
HO HO HO! BUT YOU GIRLS ARE DOING SO WELL!
AND I NEED YOU THREE TO RESCUE THE LAST REMAINING SEYCHELLES ELEPHANT TURTLE.
HE'S CURRENTLY IN PORT LOUIS, THE CAPITAL OF MAURITIUS, IN THE YEAR 1918. YOU ONLY HAVE 24 HOURS.


We came from another dimension—from "another Earth."
Our mission is to rescue your planet's animals from the brink of extinction, preserving them in a "Noah's Ark." It's bewildering how it got so bad.
That is...
AS MORE SPECIES DISAPPEAR, EARTH MOVES CLOSER TO DESTRUCTION.
TIME TRAVEL ALLOWS US TO RESCUE THE ANIMALS THAT ARE ALREADY GONE AND PUT THEM ON OUR ARK
THE ENVIRONMENT WATCH IS A CLOCK KEEPING NATURE'S TIME.
WHEN HUMANS ERADICATE ANOTHER SPECIES, IT MOVES CLOSER TO 12 O'CLOCK.
FOR EACH ANIMAL SAVED, THE CLOCK MOVES BACKWARDS A LITTLE.
WE MUST FILL MORE THAN HALF THE ARK BY THE TIME THE WATCH REACHES 10 O'CLOCK. ONLY THEN WILL WE HAVE A CHANCE
THIS IS WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST. ARE YOU OKAY WITH IT?

I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD CHOOSE SOMEONE WHO STILL BELIEVES HUMANITY IS SALVAGEABLE.
WHO WILL YOU ENTRUST THIS PRECIOUS TASK TO?
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NOAH...
YOU'LL FIND NO ONE MORE SUITABLE THAN MY OWN CHILDREN. HO HO HO!

That is how we became charged with the mission of filling Father's Ark.
HOORAY!! THE WAR IS OVER! PEACE AT LAST!
FINALLY, THE WAR TO END ALL WARS HAS ACTUALLY ENDED!

I DON'T GET IT. THIS IS A MILITARY BASE WHERE WOULD A TURTLE BE HIDING IN ALL OF THIS?
THE GRAND MARSHALL OF THE PARADE IS OUR ARMY'S MASCOT, THE KING OF THE SEA!
THREE CHEERS FOR MARION! HIP HIP HOORAY!
WE'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE! WHERE'S THAT DANG TURTLE?
MARION

DON'T YOU THINK THAT LITTLE WATCH MIGHT BE INADEQUATE FOR SEARCHING A PLACE THIS HUGE?
TICK-TOCK!! TICK-TOCK!!
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AH-HA! WHAT'S THIS, THEN? DID I MAKE YOU ANGRY, LITTLE WATCH?
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IT DOESN'T LIKE YOU UNDER-ESTIMATING IT, HAMU.

GASP!
WHAT?!! WHERE DID THE WATCH GO?!!
Our perception of Your Earth's animals is different than Yours.
We don't just see an animal's physical form, but we look inside to its soul--- where it appears as a human.

THAT TURTLE ROBBED US!
COULD IT BE THE SAME SEYCHELLES TURTLE WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR?

HOW RUDE! YOU'RE BLOCKING MY WAY!
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NOW...HOW ABOUT THAT WATCH? WE'RE ASKING NICELY FOR YOU TO GIVE IT BACK...
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AGH! THAT'S HOT!! HOW IS THIS "ASKING NICELY"?!!

THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE HIS ARMOR.
I INSIST YOU STOP AT ONCE!!
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THERE'S WHAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR. WE COULDN'T CONTINUE WITH OUR MISSION WITHOUT IT.

MISSION ?
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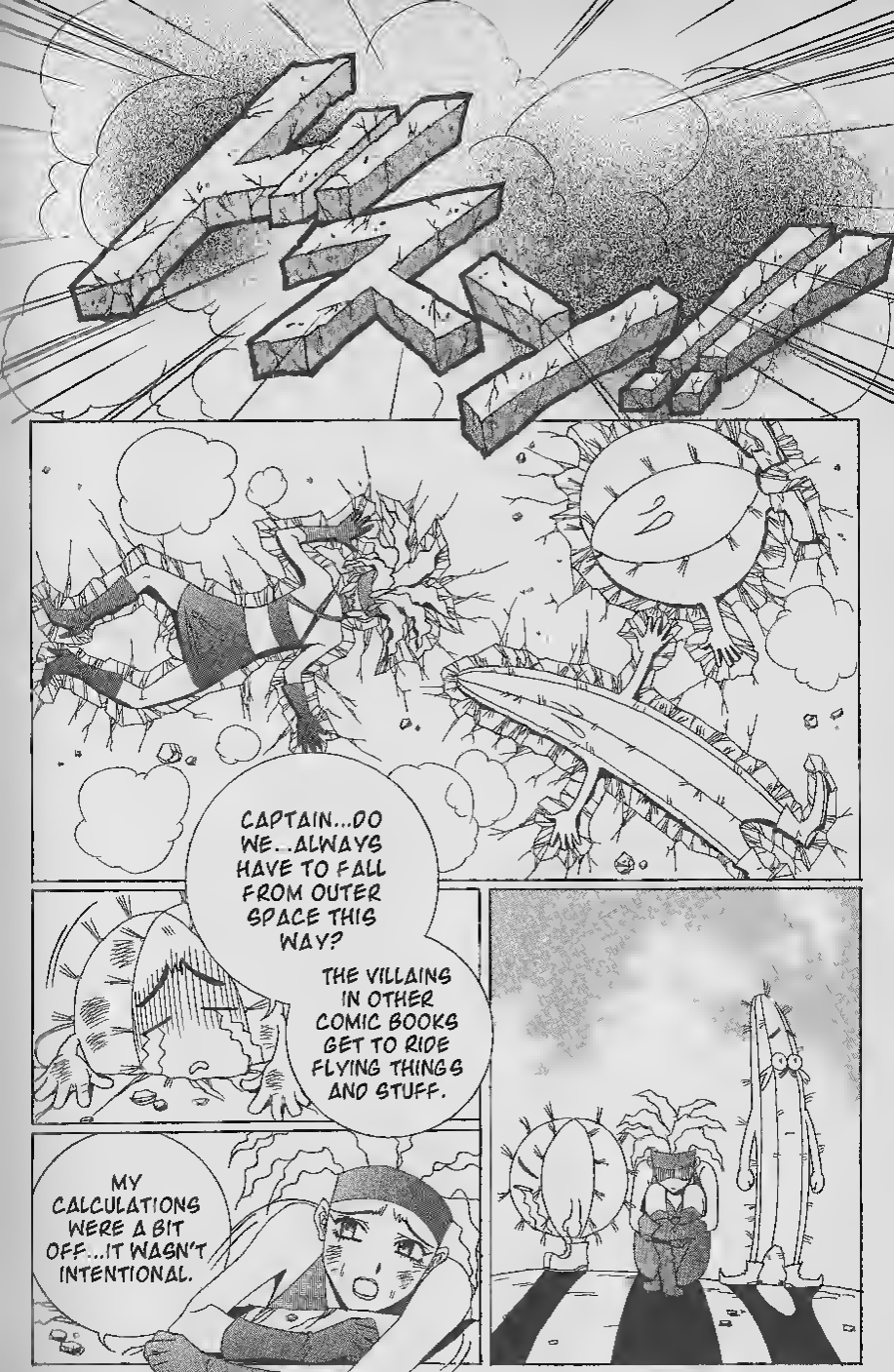
WE'VE COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD TO TAKE YOU AWAY ON OUR NOAH'S ARK.
YOU ARE THE LAST SURVIVING SEYCHELLES TURTLE, RIGHT?
ARGHHHH!!!


CAPTAIN...DO WE...ALWAYS HAVE TO FALL FROM OUTER SPACE THIS WAY?
THE VILLAINS IN OTHER COMIC BOOKS GET TO RIDE FLYING THINGS AND STUFF.
MY CALCULATIONS WERE A BIT OFF...IT WASN'T INTENTIONAL.

THE FUTURE OF THE EARTH RESTS ON OUR SHOULDERS!!
THAT'S RIGHT!!
WE HAVE COME HERE TODAY TO CARRY OUT AN IMPORTANT TASK! WE MUST STOP THOSE SCOUNDRELS FROM MENACING THE EARTH WITH THEIR DIABOLICAL PLANS!
CAPTAIN, WE'RE THE BAD GUYS. REMEMBER?
CAPTAIN... WE HAVE A PROBLEM!

LAST TIME WE DROPPED INTO A LION'S DEN, AND NOW IT'S A SCHOOL OF SHARKS... DAMN IT!!
RIGHT...
I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
THE ONLY THING IS, JIM DOESN'T RIDE ON THAT BOAT.
IS THERE SOMETHING WE SHOULD TRY TO ARRANGE, THEN?

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IT LOOKS LIKE WE DIDN'T NEED TO COME HERE. THEY'VE ALREADY FAILED!
IT WOULD APPEAR SO. WE BRAVED THE JAWS OF DEATH FOR NOTHING!
LIFE IS DEVOID OF MEANING.
NO. QUITE THE CONTRARY, ACTUALLY.

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NO, NO, NO!! ARE THEY HERE ALREADY?
EVERYONE HIDE! QUICK!!
WHY? WHAT'S GOING ON?

YOO-HOO! TURTLE! WHERE ARE YOU?
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WHO IS THAT GUY?
MARION DU PRENEGUE.
HE'S THE ONE WHO BROUGHT JIM HERE FROM SEYCHELLES 158 YEARS AGO.

158 YEARS AGO?
YEAH, PRENEGUE'S BEEN DEAD A CENTURY AND A HALF. SO... THAT'S A GHOST.
GHOST...?
IT'S TRUE, YOU KNOW. DEAD AS A DOORNAIL!!

GYAAAAAAH!!!
AHHH!!!
HA HA HA! NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TRY TO RUN AWAY, IT'S HOPELESS!

HURRY! DUCK IN HERE!
HA HA HA HA! DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD HIDE FROM ME?
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?

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HA!!
HERE! A PRESENT FROM ME TO YOU!!
ZOOM

HA HA HA HA!
NOW YOU CAN SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE LIKE ME, STUCK IN A TIME OF RELENTLESS SUFFERING! HAR HAR HAR!!

...WHAT HAPPENED?
I DUNNO, JAPHETH. WHY'D WE GET DROPPED HERE?
THAT GHOST, HE WAS CHASING US...

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IT'S A TRADEMARK MARION DU PRENEGUE CURSE THAT RENEWS ITSELF EVERY TIME THE SUN GOES DOWN.
CURSE?
YES...A CURSE THAT RETURNS YOU TO THE MOST PAINFUL TIME YOU CAN REMEMBER
HOW...?
BECAUSE PRENEGUE KILLED SO MANY PEOPLE IN HIS LIFETIME, EVEN HELL HAS REFUSED HIM.
SO, TO TAKE REVENGE ON ME, HE CAST THIS NIGHTLY CURSE.
WHY WOULD HE WANT TO TAKE REVENGE ON YOU...?
THAT'S...

EVERYONE HURRY--!!
WHO'S THE WEIRD GIRL?
SHE'S SOMEONE FROM WHEN I WAS YOUNGER...

HA HA HA, HURRY, HURRY!! THE BIG TURTLE IS HERE!!
REALLY? SHE SEEMS KIND OF DUMB.
K-KIND OF.
HEY, WHAT'S THAT?

A VERY BIG TURTLE!!
WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE? WHY ARE THEY HERE?

THEY WANT TO CATCH US SO WE CAN BE FOOD ON THEIR VOYAGE.
THEN LET'S MOTOR AND GET THESE TURTLES TO SAFETY!
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IT'S NO USE...

KYAKKK!!
STOP!!!
NOOOO!!!
KYAK!!
AH!!
PLEASE, SAVE ME--!!!

HAW HAW HAW! NOW THIS IS A GOOD HARVEST.
WE COULD SAIL THE WORLD TWICE OVER, AND WE'D STILL HAVE MEAT LEFT!
WHEN IT FIRST STARTED, I TRIED TO HELP, TOO. YOU CAN'T HELP, THOUGH IT'S DOOMED TO ALWAYS END THE SAME WAY.
THEY'VE KILLED THEM ALL. EVERY LAST TURTLE.
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THIS ALREADY HAPPENED, AND YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST.

THIS WAS ALL MY FAULT.
I BROUGHT THE HUMANS TO THE ISLAND.

LOOK! OVER THERE!
WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?
ARRH, THERE ARE MORE! GET THAT TURTLE AND THE ONE NEXT TO IT!!

NO!! LET GO OF US!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
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WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE WE GET PUT IN CAGES ON PRACTICALLY EVERY MISSION?

OH MY GAWD! IT'S...IT'S PRENEGUE ?!!!

Arctic Ocean
Asia
Europe
North America
Pacific
Africa
Central America
Oceania
South America
Indian Ocean
Antarctic Ocean
Pacific
IT'S HERE.
THEY'RE GOING TO DO NUCLEAR TESTING ON HUMANS THERE TOMORROW.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
THERE'S... THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.

SO, WHAT THEN?
THAT'S...
WE HAVE TO SEE THIS THROUGH TILL THE END.
AND ONCE WE'RE THERE?
...WHERE MY VISION STOPS.

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{Chapter 2}

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HA HA HA....
LOOK! HE'S NOT CHAINED, AND HE HAS HIS LEGS.
IS THAT THE REAL PRENEGUE ?!!
YES, THE WAY HE WAS 158 YEARS AGO, BEFORE HE BECAME A GHOST.

I'M STARVING!!
LET'S EAT!!
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO EAT US, ARE THEY?
MAYBE...

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DID ALL OF THIS REALLY HAPPEN IN ONE NIGHT?!
ACTUALLY, IT TOOK MORE THAN A MONTH TO COME TO THIS.
THAT'S WHY TIME APPEARS TO MOVE SO SLOW.

OH, I DON'T MIND! FOR SO MUCH TO HAPPEN IN ONE NIGHT IS TOO, TOO SPECTACULAR! SO MUCH VARIETY, SO LIVELY...!
HAR HAR HAR! THIS ONE IS FATTENED UP GOOD. I SEE LOTS OF MEAT!
WAIT.

DON'T TOUCH THAT TURTLE.
HIS SHELL HAS AN INTERESTING PATTERN. I WANT HIM AS PART OF MY COLLECTION.
B-BUT WE'VE RUN OUT OF MEAT. WE'VE BEEN AT SEA FOR MORE THAN A MONTH.
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE PRECIOUS ABOUT THIS.
WE HAVE TO STOP THEM!
DON'T WORRY. THIS HAS ALREADY HAPPENED, SO NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU GUYS.
USE THAT ONE!

SINCE WE'RE HERE ALREADY, WE MIGHT AS WELL STICK AROUND FOR THE ENDING, RIGHT?
BUT WHERE DID THE VILLAINS RUN OFF TO?
I KEEP TELLING YOU, WE ARE THE VILLAINS.
C-CAPTAIN... SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT ABOUT THIS.
WHAT IF ANOTHER GHOST APPEARS...?

QUIT TALKING NONSENSE! YOU ANNOY ME!
UH...CAPTAIN, HE'S RIGHT, THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE--
WHAT... WHAT IS THAT?
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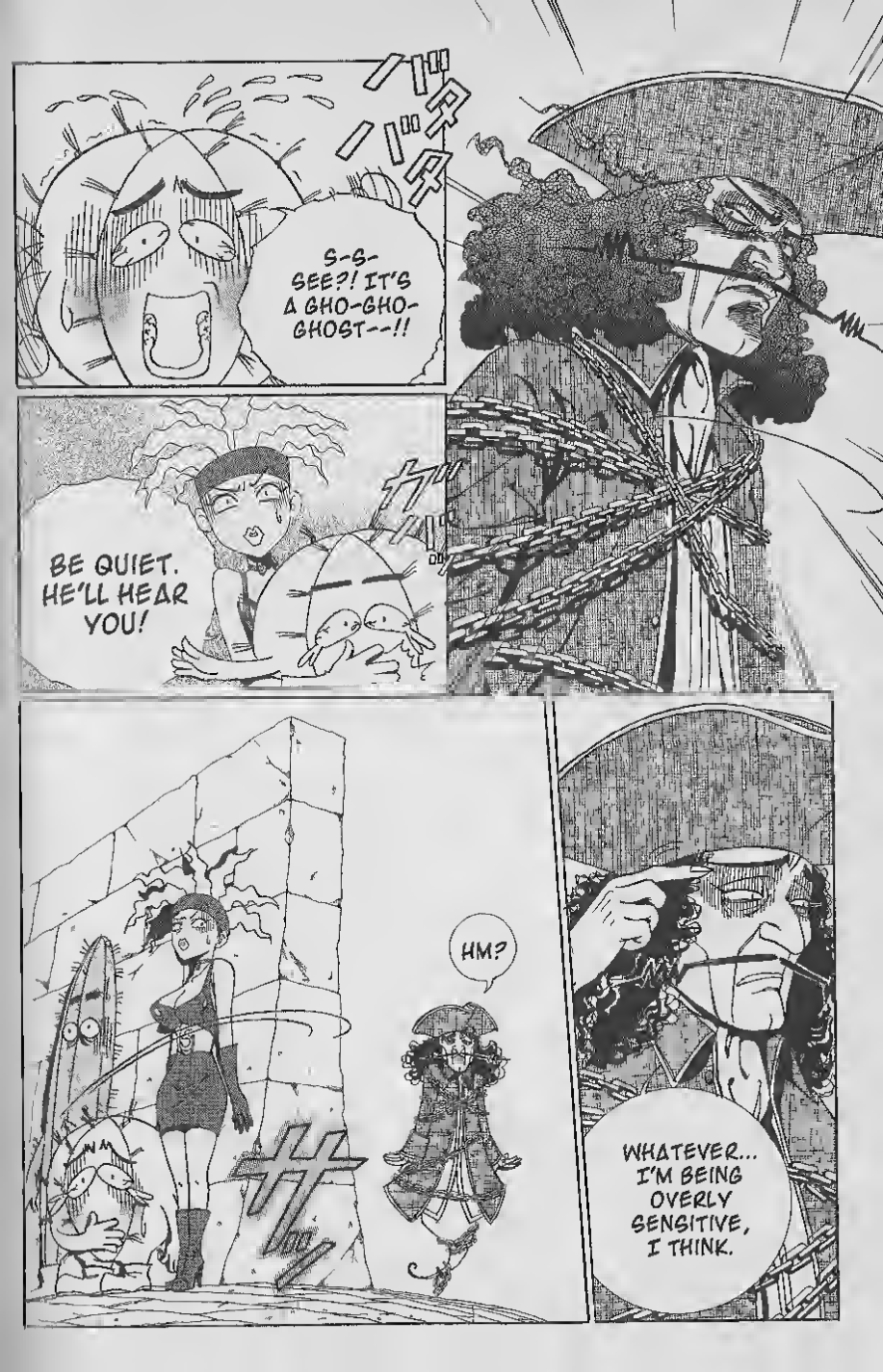
AH HA HA HA HA!!
HA HA HA HA!!!


S-S-SEE?! IT'S A GHO-GHO-GHOST--!!
BE QUIET. HE'LL HEAR YOU!
HM?
WHATEVER... I'M BEING OVERLY SENSITIVE, I THINK.

AW HAW HAW HAW!!
HA HA HA HA!
OH, POO.
BAD DEEDS ARE NO FUN WITHOUT SOMEONE TO WATCH. I SHOULD JUST TAKE A NAP.
HE'S GONE...
CAPTAIN, WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE? THEY DON'T SEEM LIKE THEMSELVES

THEY'VE BEEN POSSESSED BY THAT GHOSTY GUY.
THEY'RE ALL LOOKING PRETTY ROUGH IN THERE.

ARE YOU SURE THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO BUT WATCH?
HE TOOK THIS FROM MY MEMORY, SHEM...IT'S ALREADY HAPPENED.
I'M GLAD YOU ARE ALIVE...
...BUT PROMISE ONE THING.

YOU ARE THE LAST OF US TURTLES...
YOU MUST LIVE A LONG, LONG TIME.
LIVE OVER 100 YEARS. LIVE 120 IF YOU CAN.
TAKE ALL THE YEARS THAT WERE ROBBED FROM OUR KIND, AND LIVE THEM OUT FOR US.

I KNOW IT'S ALREADY PASSED...
. SO WHY DOES IT FEEL SO REAL EVERY TIME?

HUH...? WHAT'S GOING ON? EVERYONE'S DISAPPEARING!
WHAT THE--? THE CHAINS ARE VANISHING.

W-WHAT HAPPENED?
ONCE THE SUN RISES, THE CURSE IS LIFTED.
CAPTAIN...I THINK THEY'VE ALL SNAPPED OUT OF THE SPELL.
IDIOT! I HAVE EYES, TOO!
THAT WAS TRULY BIZARRE!

WHAT ARE YOU JERKS DOING HERE?!
MAKE A RUN FOR IT!!
WHO WERE THEY?
WE'RE NOT SURE. THEY JUST KEEP SHOWING UP TO INTERFERE WITH OUR MISSIONS.

I'M NOT POSITIVE, BUT I THINK I HAVE AN IDEA OF WHO STARTED ALL THIS.
WHO IS IT, SHEM?
I WANT TO DO SOME MORE INVESTIGATING. I'LL TELL YOU WHEN I'M MORE SURE.
IT'S DONE FOR NOW, BUT THE LACK OF SLEEP HAS MADE ME WEAK.
YOU SHOULD LEAVE. MY LIFE IS NO CONCERN OF YOURS.
NO CONCERN OF OURS?!
THEN WHY DID WE PUT UP WITH ALL THAT STRANGENESS? IF WE DON'T SEE THIS THROUGH, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH MYSELF!

WE CAN'T LEAVE THINGS THIS OUT OF WHACK. WE HAVE TO BEAT THAT GHOST!
WE MAY HAVE ONLY BEEN HERE ONE DAY, BUT WE'RE STILL FRIENDS.
GUYS... TH-THANK YOU... MY FRIENDS.
FOR 158 YEARS, NO ONE ELSE HAS EVER DONE MORE THAN WATCH.
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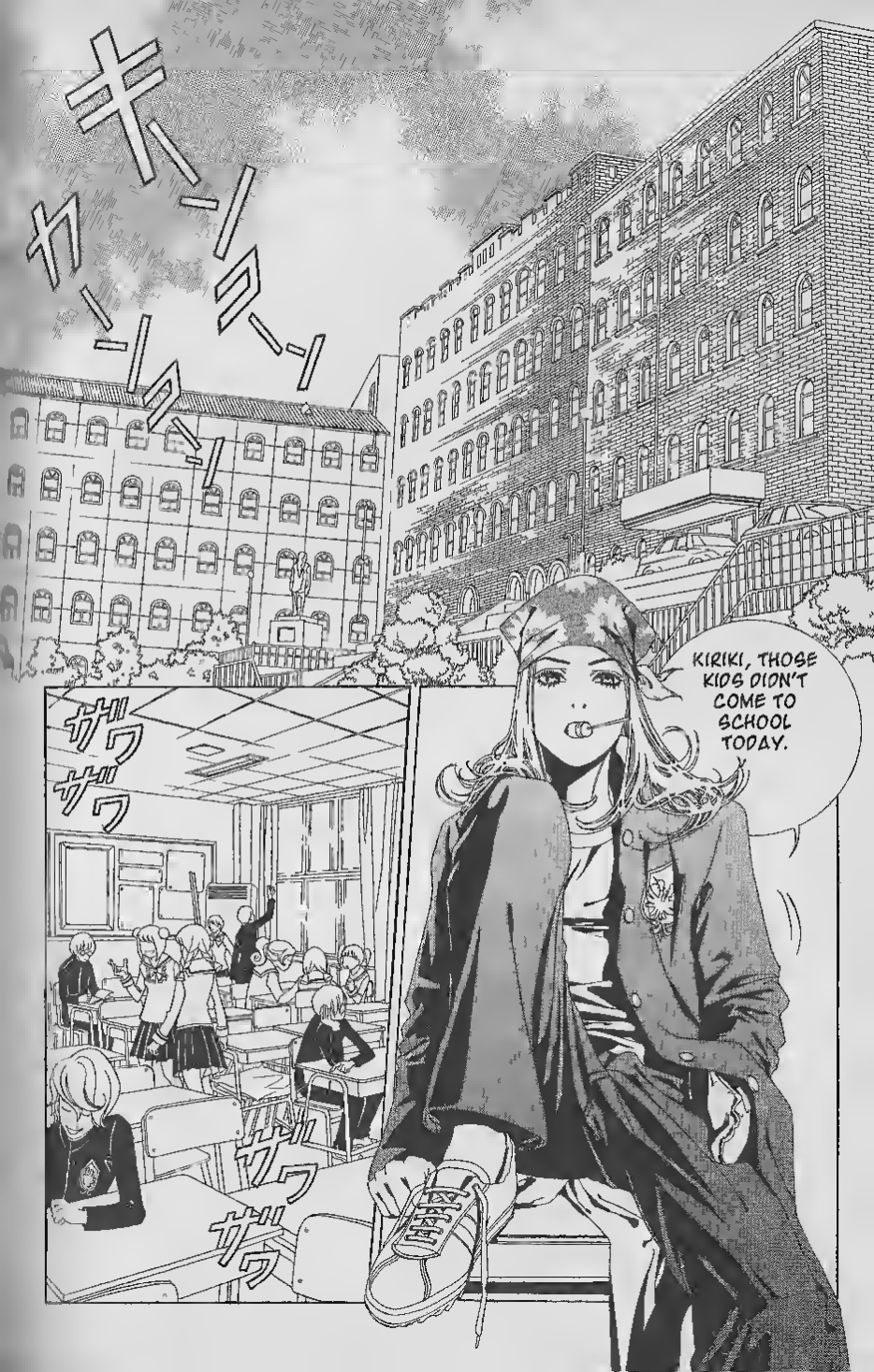
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KIRIKI, THOSE KIDS DION'T COME TO SCHOOL TODAY.

REALLY ?
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YOU DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG, DO YOU?!
I DUNNO. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
HEH HEH-- YOU DON'T SAY?
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BAH!! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
OH, NO! WE OVERSLEPT!
IT'S ALREADY PAST 4:00 IN THE AFTERNOON!
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.

IT'S...IT'S THE WATCH'S DOING...
DUMMY! ARE YOU TRYING TO ADD FUEL TO THE FIRE?!
BECAUSE WE CAME FROM A DIFFERENT TIME DIMENSION, IF WE DON'T RETURN IN 24 HOURS, THE DOORWAY BACK WILL BE CLOSED.
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN TO WHERE WE CAME FROM.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THAT SOUNDS PRETTY IMPORTANT, AND YOU JUST SLEPT THROUGH IT?
I LIKE YOUR NECKLACE. IT'S SORT OF A RETRO CHAIN VIBE.
YOU GUYS ARE TOO LAID BACK.
STUPID!! THIS LOOKS LIKE JEWELRY TO YOU?!!

PRENEGUE PUT THIS CHAIN ON ME OVER A CENTURY AGO. MANY HAVE TRIED TO BREAK IT...
...BUT YOU CAN SEE HOW WELL THAT WENT.
BIBLE
Never fear! We will perform an exorcism!
W-WHAT IS THAT?

AN EXORCISM?
Showed up again
IT'S A CEREMONY TO CHASE AWAY GHOSTS.
WHO DO YOU THINK IS GONNA RUN FROM THAT?
YIIIIIKES!!
EEEEEEE!!!

WAIT A SECOND!
WE'RE EXORCISTS! WE CHASE GHOSTS, THEY DON'T CHASE US
HE'S THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE SCREAMING IN TERROR!
OH, YEAH. I FORGOT. THANKS, HAMU.
WICKED EVIL SPIRIT! LEAVE THIS TURTLE ONCE AND FOR ALL!!
Holy water
THIS DRINK IS TASTY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? DOES IT GO WITH MY HAIR?
I WAS STARTING TO THINK THE CHAIN MIGHT BE TOO SIMPLE. THIS BAUBLE COULD SPRUCE IT UP!

THIS APPEARS TO BE A TOTAL WASTE.
AAAH!
AHHHH--!!!

THESE MEN... SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.
THEY SEEM FINE TO ME. THEY'RE UNDER MY SPELL!
YAHHH-_-!!!

DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD PAY THE PRICE FOR MAKING ME THIS WAY?
YOU KIDS SHOULD REALLY LEAVE EXORCISM TO THE PROFESSIONALS.
THE THINGS YOU'VE DONE HAVE COST YOU YOUR PLACE IN HEAVEN.
OH, DEAR! TIME'S UP!!!
THERE'S ONLY 30 SECONDS LEFT!!

C-CAPTAIN, THEY...THEY'RE IN DANGER, AREN'T THEY?
IT SEEMS SO.
WHAT?!!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
HA HA HA!
...
REVENGE AT LAST!

UNGH.
WHO IS THAT?!!

S-SOMEONE SAVED US, BUT WHO--?!?
C-CAPTAIN?
WELL... IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE TOTAL ENEMIES WITH THOSE KIDS...
...SO THAT WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM DOESN'T AFFECT US.
AWWW, WE LOVE OUR CAPTAIN SO, SO MUCH.
WE HAVE TO GO HOME! NOW!!

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HOW DARE YOU TRY TO SKIP OUT ON ME?!!
HA HA HA! LIKE I TRIED TO TELL THE TURTLE, YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ETERNITY!!
ARGHHHH!!

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OH, NO!! WE'VE RUN OUT OF TIME!!!
WE'LL BE STUCK HERE!

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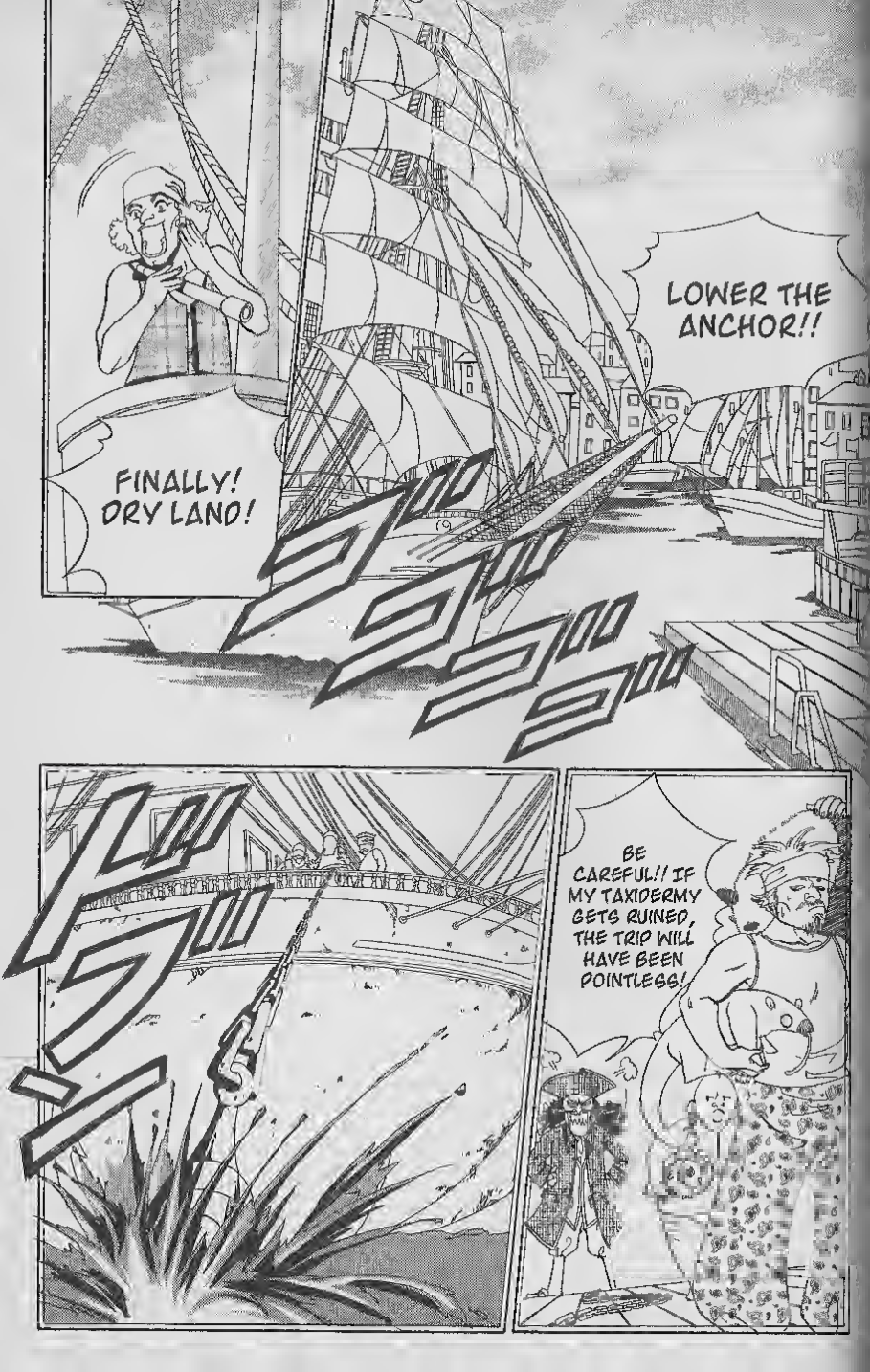
AGGGH!
W-WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? THE DOOR TO OUR DIMENSION HAS BEEN SHUT!

{Chapter 3}


LOWER THE ANCHOR!!
FINALLY! DRY LAND!
BE CAREFUL!! IF MY TAXIDERMY GETS RUINED, THE TRIP WILL HAVE BEEN POINTLESS!

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THAT UNIQUE SHELL OF YOURS IS GOING TO FETCH ME A LOT OF CASH ON THE BLACK MARKET!
YOU MUST LIVE A LONG, LONG TIME.
LIVE OVER 100 YEARS. LIVE 120 IF YOU CAN.
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HUH?
THIS TURTLE'S HEAVY---!!
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SOMEONE FELL IN THE WATER!!
MAN OVERBOARD!!
THAT'S HOW HE LOST HIS LIFE, MAKING HIM A GHOST THAT HAUNTS YOU NIGHT IN, NIGHT OUT...?
YES, JAPHETH. IN ESSENCE, IT WAS I WHO KILLED HIM.
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IS THIS REALLY HOW WE'RE GOING TO DIE?
SHUT UP, SHEM, OR YOU MIGHT JINX US!
THEM AGAIN?!
HUH? WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

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EXCUSE ME! BUT YOU'RE TRESPASSING.
A WHOLE DAY HAS PASSED WITHOUT THEM RETURNING.
THAT MEANS THEY'LL BE STUCK WHEREVER THEY WENT FOREVER.

YOU'RE TOTALLY OBSESSED WITH THOSE THREE!
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?
MAYBE YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON MATTERS CLOSER TO HOME.
OH? ARE YOU JEALOUS?

Huh
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BWAH HA HA HA! HEE HEE, YOU GOT ME.
ALL RIGHT, MAN, YOU CAN GO AFTER THEM.
JUST KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

YOU GUYS ARE THE ONES WHO SABOTAGED US?!!
SO, WHY WOULD YOU HELP US NOW?

WE ARE THE CACTUS TRIO OF JUSTICE!!
BUT YOU'VE BEEN MESSING WITH US ALL ALONG, SO WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE YOU?
WHO PUT YOU ON OUR TAILS?
ALTHOUGH YOU ARE OUR ENEMIES, JUSTICE DEMANDS WE COME TO YOUR AID IN A BAD SITUATION.
HMPH!! I DON'T CARE IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME.
BUT I SUGGEST YOU RUN AWAY BEFORE THAT SCARY GHOST COMES BACK.
WHICH SCARY GHOST WOULD THAT BE?
AHHHHHHH!!

A short while later...
I TOLD YOU MORONS TO RUN AWAY FAST, DIDN'T I?!
QUIET, YOU!
FIREWORKS ARE JUST THE THING TO CELEBRATE THE END OF THE WAR. YOU'LL MAKE SUCH PRETTY EXPLOSIONS! HAW HAW!
LET MY FRIENDS GO, YOU JERK!!
I'VE GOT A FUN IDEA, TURTLE. I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A FIGHTING CHANCE!

AAHHHH!!
AH--!!
AH HA HA HA! WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SAID YOU'D SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR YOUR FRIENDS, DIDN'T YOU?
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, YANK THE CHAIN AND TOSS YOUR PAL INTO THE WATER!
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IT'LL BE JUST LIKE HOW YOU KILLED MY COMRADES. BWAH HA HA HA!
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HE'S RIGHT. I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF MYSELF BEFORE OTHERS.
I WAS EVEN A LITTLE RELIEVED TO SEE MY FRIEND GETTING EATEN!!
BECAUSE...

I WANTED TO LIVE!!
BECAUSE IT MEANT I'D SURVIVE!
IT MEANT I'D EXIST!

A VERY BIG TURTLE!!
A HUGE TURTLE THAT I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!
I WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE IT?
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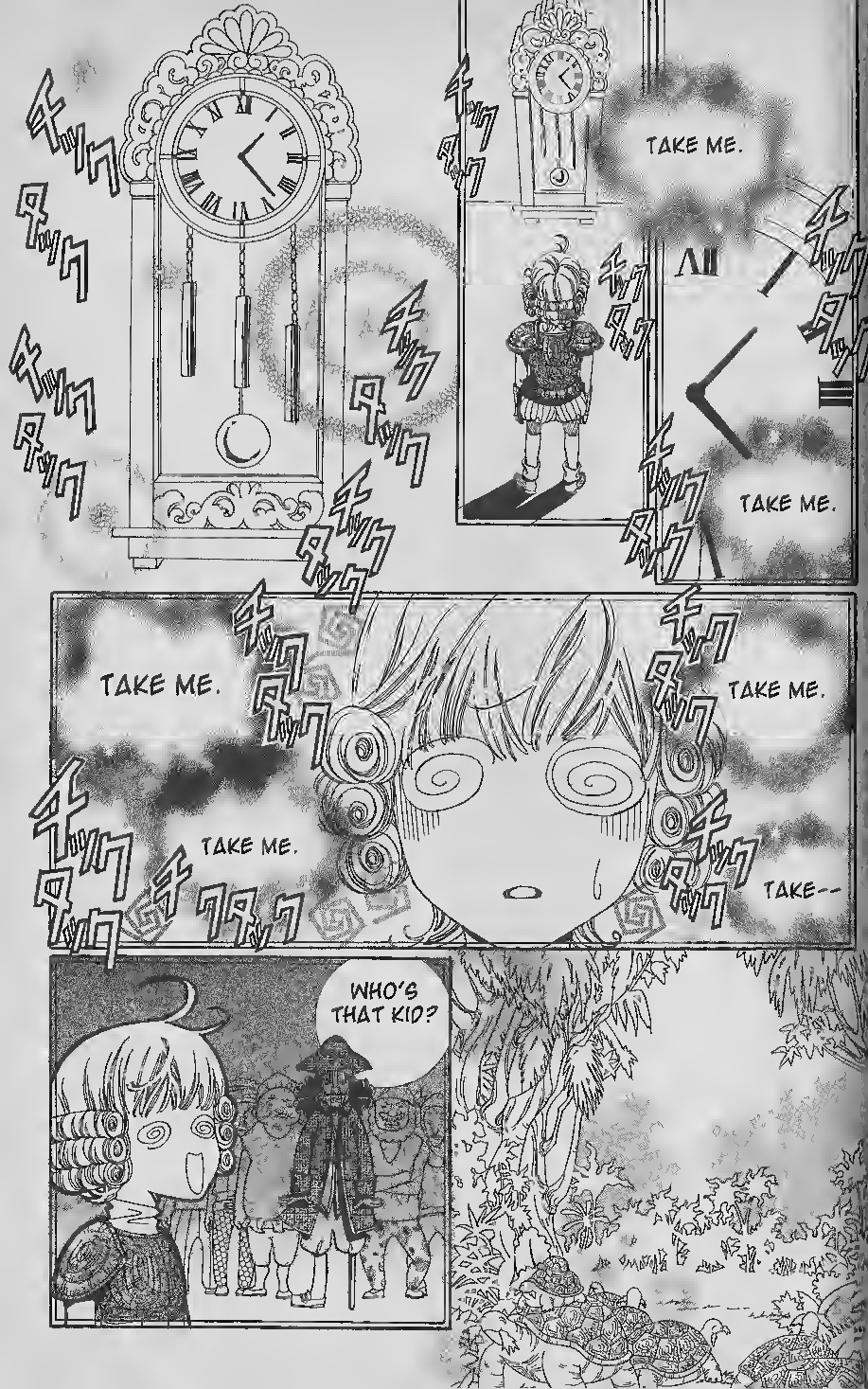
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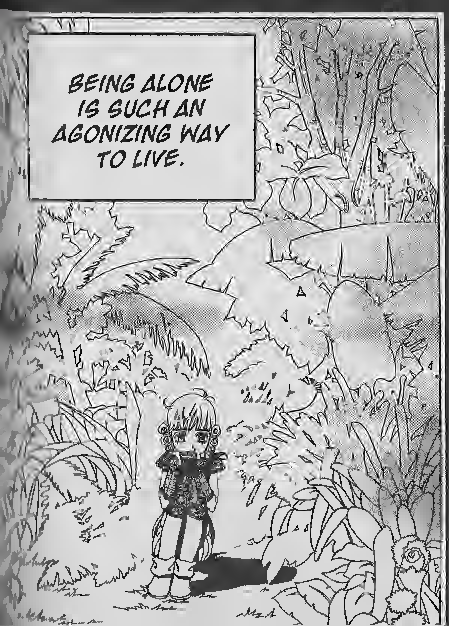
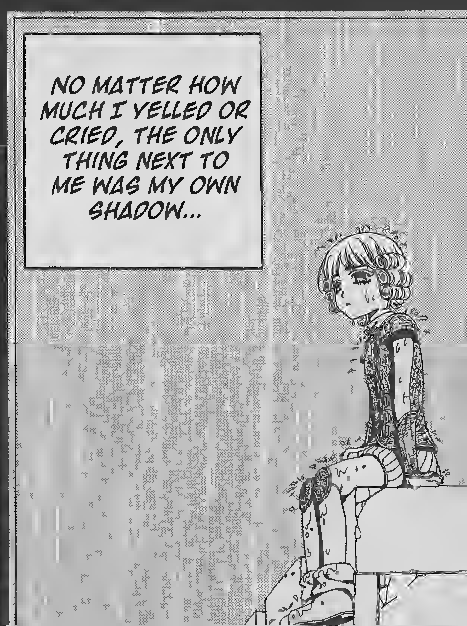
TAKE--
WHO'S THAT KID?

AND THEN...

I WAS LEFT ALONE IN THIS WORLD





STILL, I KEPT MY PROMISE.
I DIDN'T JUST CARRY MY OWN LIFE, BUT I BORE EVERYONE ELSE'S ON MY BACK, AS WELL.
TODAY I TURN 120. I'VE LIVED LONG, JUST AS I PROMISED.

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THIS CAN'T BE. HOW CAN A NORMAL HUMAN BEING ESCAPE MY SPELL?!
HOW DID THEY BREAK THE CHAIN?
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FREE AT LAST!
UNTIE US, TOO!
HOW DARE YOU USE ME AS A TOY!

HA HA HA HA~!! I'VE BEEN DEAD A LONG TIME. YOUR WEAPONS ARE POWERLESS AGAINST ME!
YOU HAD YOUR MOVE, NOT IT'S MY TURN.
WH-WHAT IS THAT?

C-CAPTAIN, IS THAT PIRATE GOING TO KILL US?
I DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT IT.
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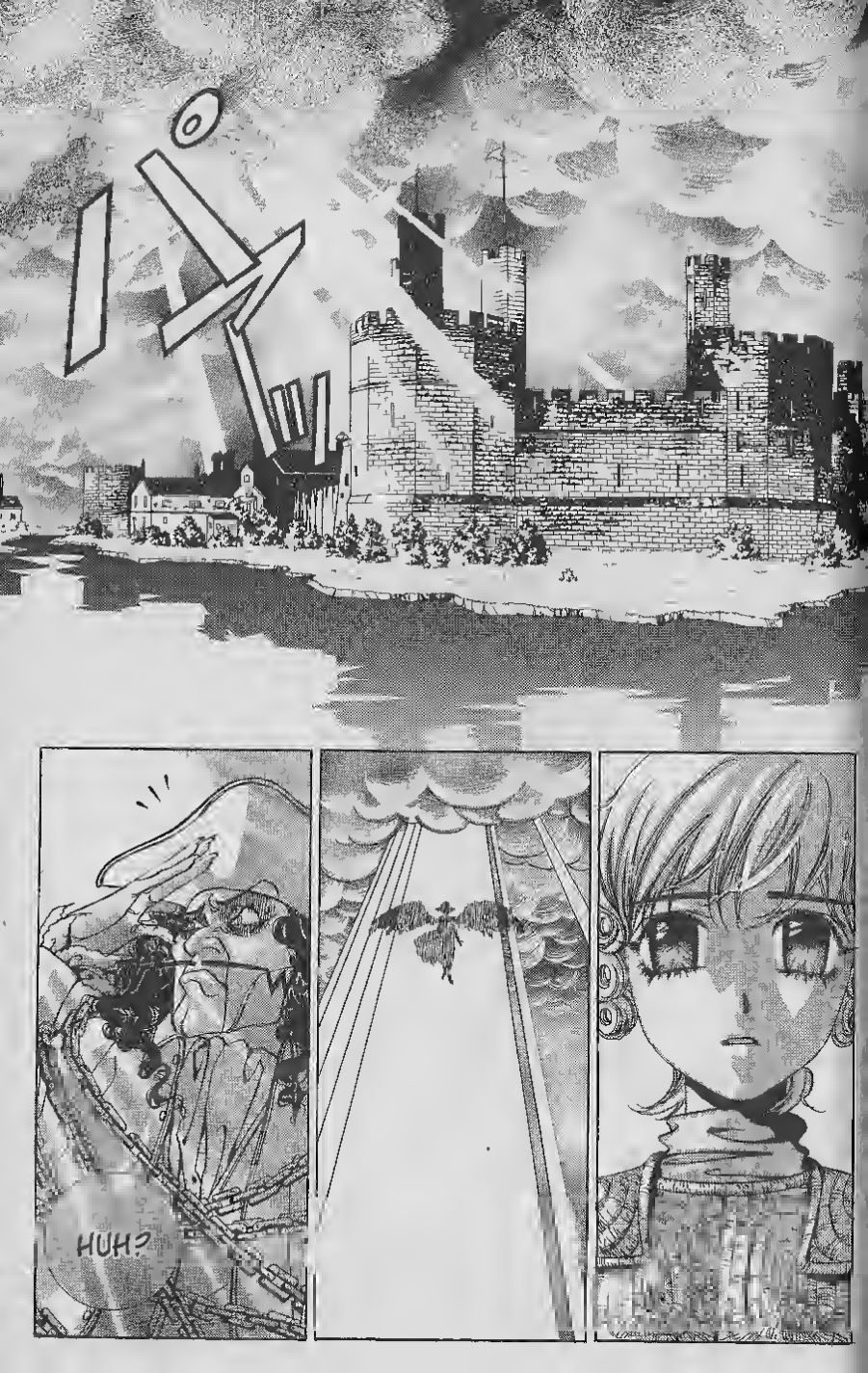
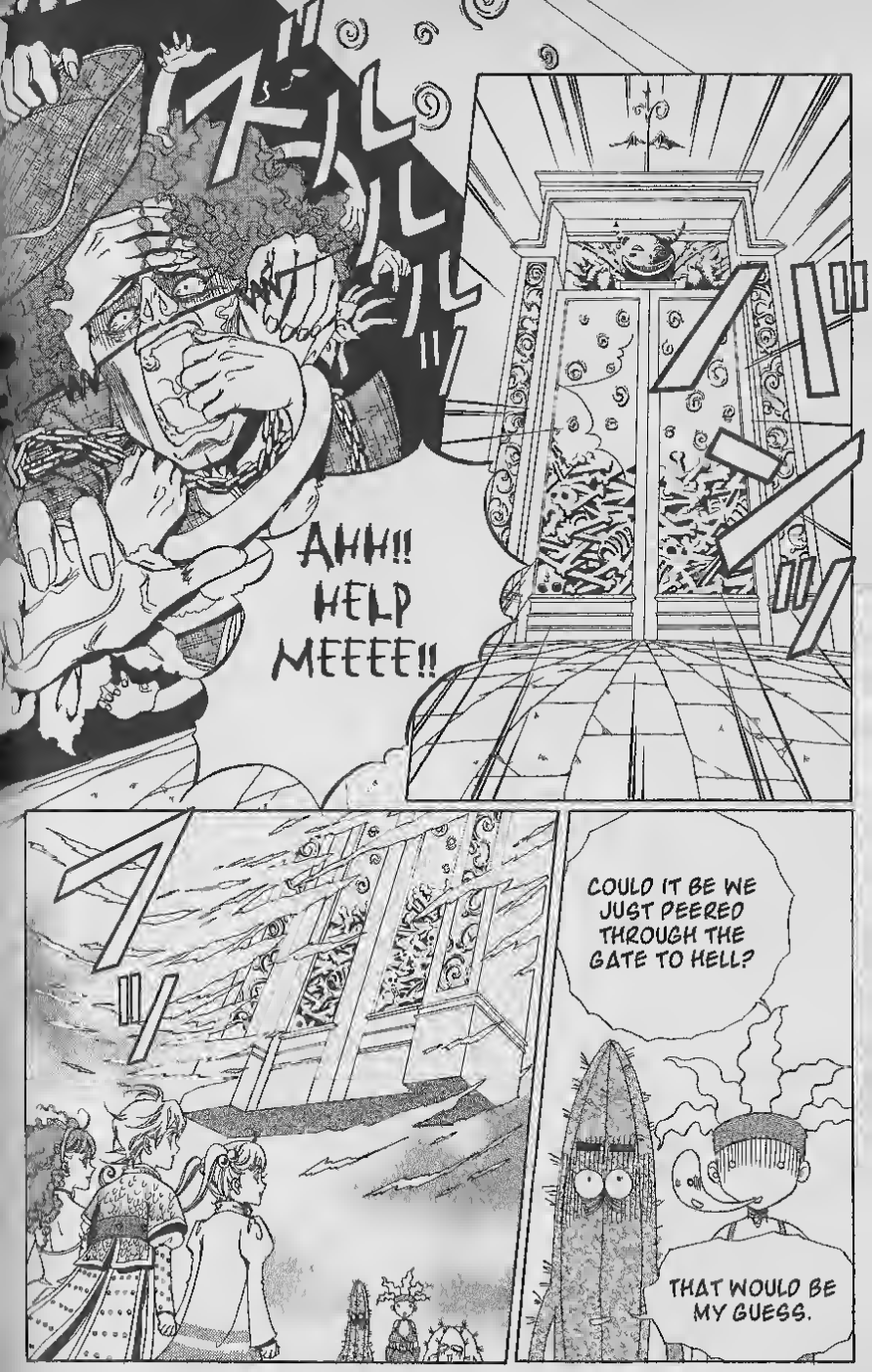
THAT'S....?


HUH?

HUH? WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?
OH, HO! IS THAT A NEW TYPE OF TURTLE? AN EXQUISITE SPECIMEN
No!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AHH!! HELP MEEEE!!
COULD IT BE WE JUST PEERED THROUGH THE GATE TO HELL?
THAT WOULD BE MY GUESS.

DID YOU LIVE A LONG TIME?
YES... IT'S BEEN A LONG WAIT.
I'M PRACTICALLY A FOSSIL.
THANK YOU FOR KEEPING YOUR PROMISE.
I CAN GO WITH YOU NOW, RIGHT?
YES. EVERYONE'S WAITING.

THANK YOU, FRIENDS.
NOW...
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WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

I DON'T KNOW, JAPHETH...
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BUT WHEREVER IT IS, HE WON'T BE LONELY ANYMORE.

ALL RIGHT. SHALL WE BID FAREWELL, TOO?
NO! STOP!!
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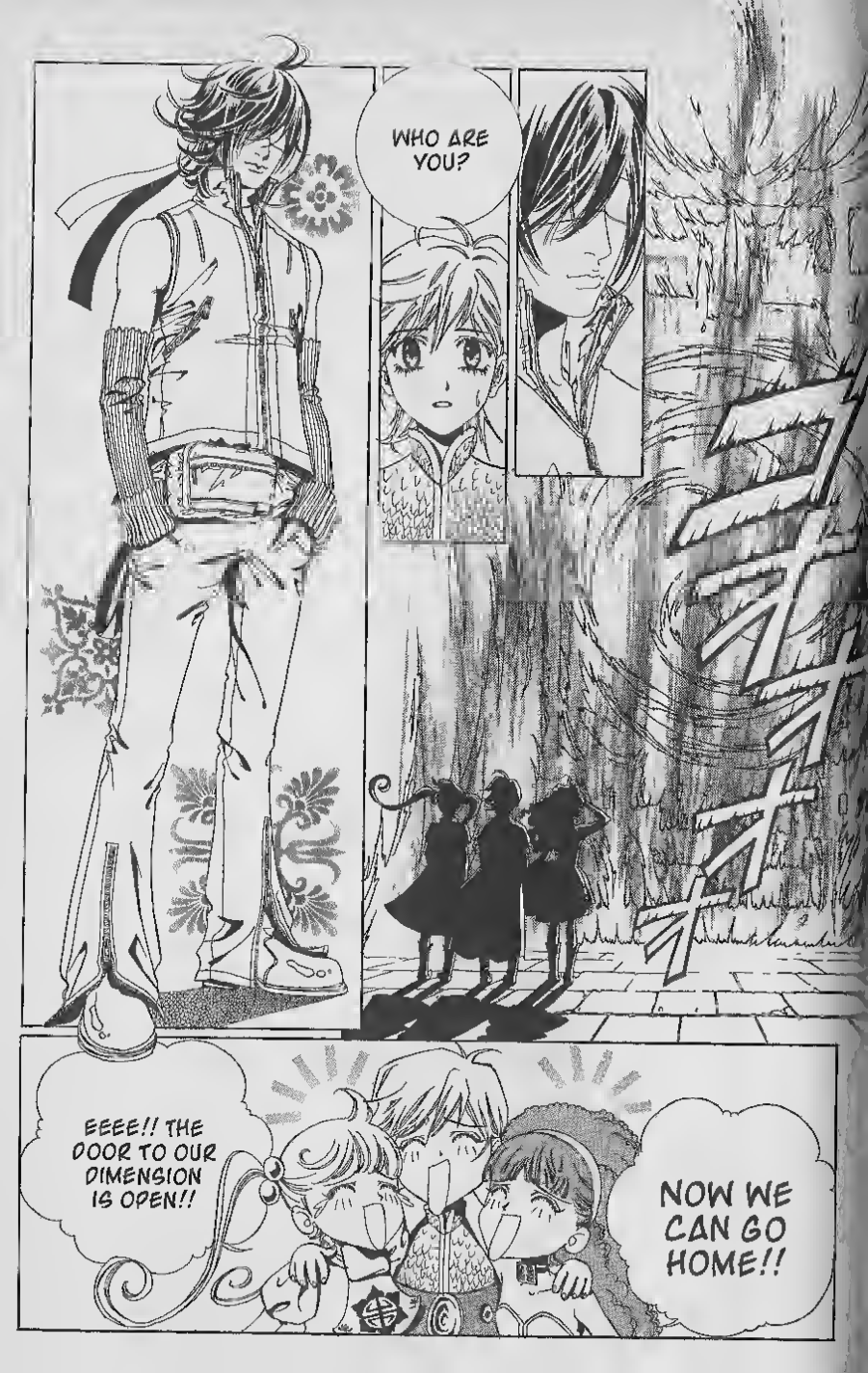
DAMN! I WAS GONG TO ASK IF THEY KNEW THE WAY HOME...
HAMU, ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO LIVE HERE THE REST OF OUR LIVES?!
WE TOLD YOU NOT TO JINX US!
MAY I BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE?


WHO ARE YOU?
EEEE!! THE DOOR TO OUR DIMENSION IS OPEN!!
NOW WE CAN GO HOME!!

THANK YOU.
TENTEN!
MINMIN!
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WHO WAS HE?
NOT JUST ANYBODY CAN OPEN DIMENSIONAL PORTALS.
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WILL WE EVER SEE YOU AGAIN?
WOO HOO
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HOO..!
And so, we returned to our daily routine.
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I WONDER IF I SHOULD BE CONCERNED? HE DOESN'T NORMALLY LOOK SO SERIOUS.
OH, HE LOOKS SO PALE...

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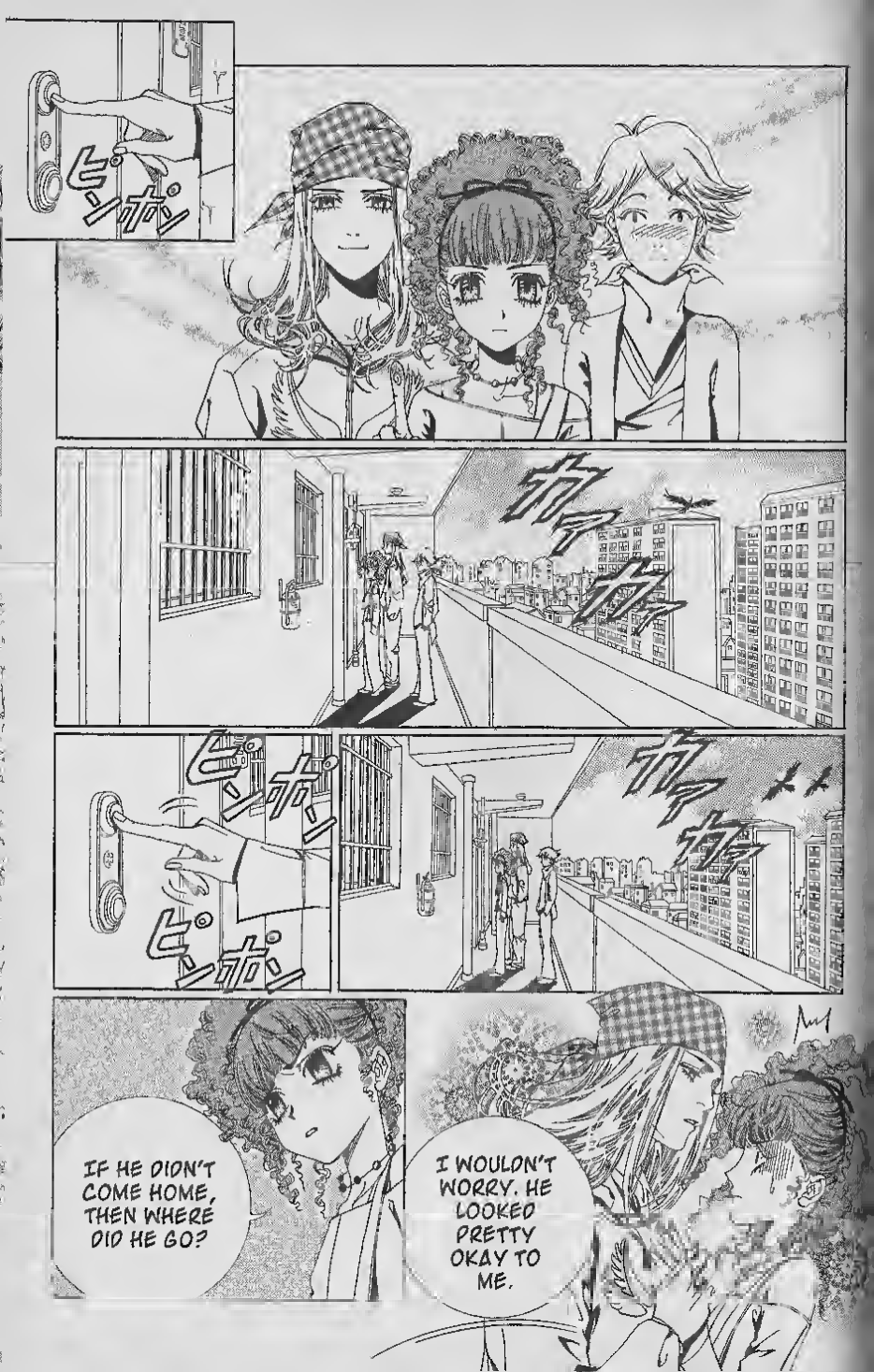
KIRIGI!
WAKE UP!!
COME ON,
MAN!

NOOOOOO!!

{Chapter 4}

CAN I GET THIS ONE?
SURE. I'LL WRAP IT FOR YOU.
I HOPE HE LIKES IT. HE SEEMED SO ALONE.
Reminiscence
I DON'T GET IT...

I'M SORRY. THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD SIGN HE WALKED OUT ON HIS OWN TWO FEET?
OMIGOD! I LEFT THE CAKE AT THE BAKERY!!
End of Reminiscence.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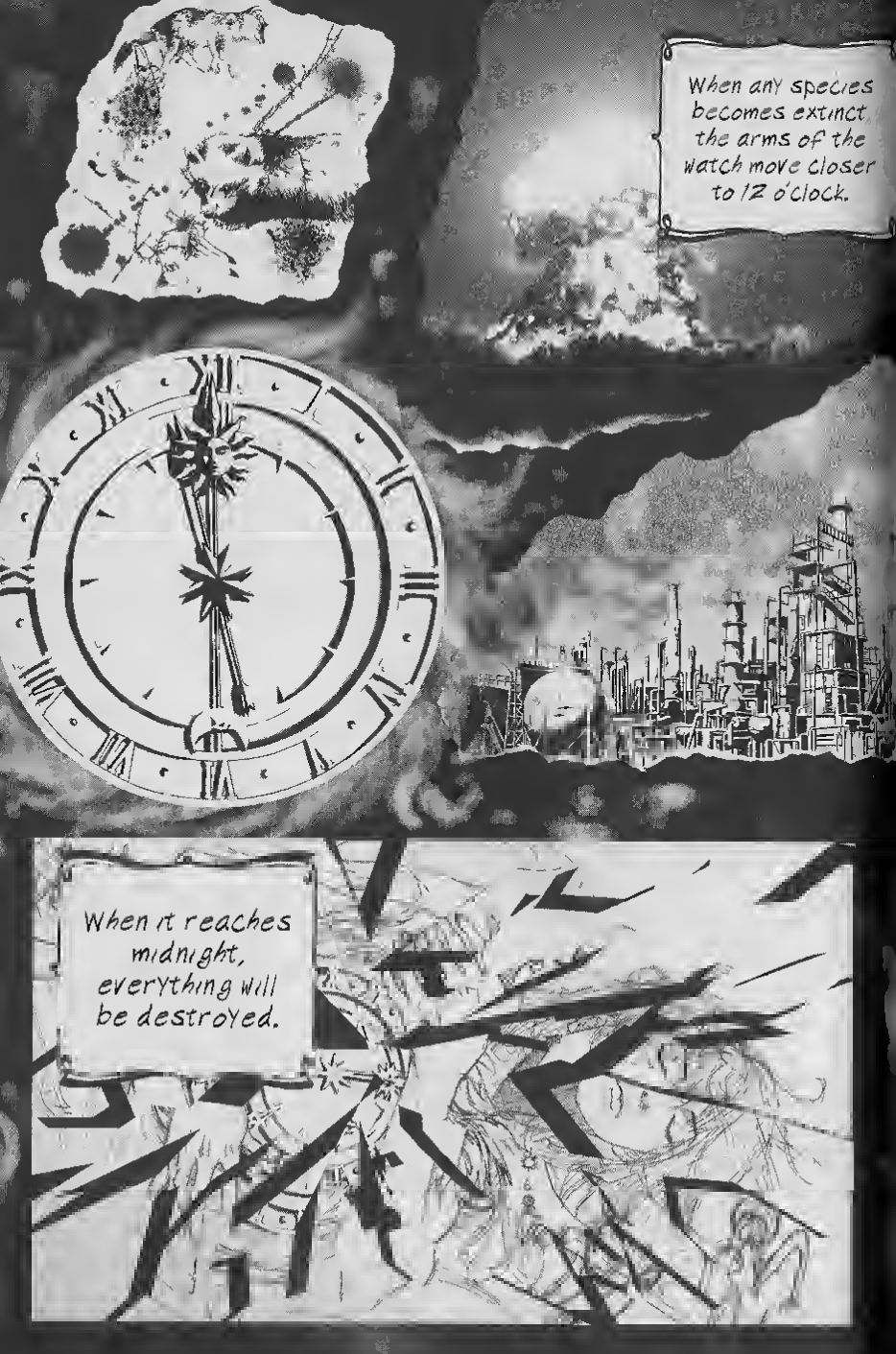
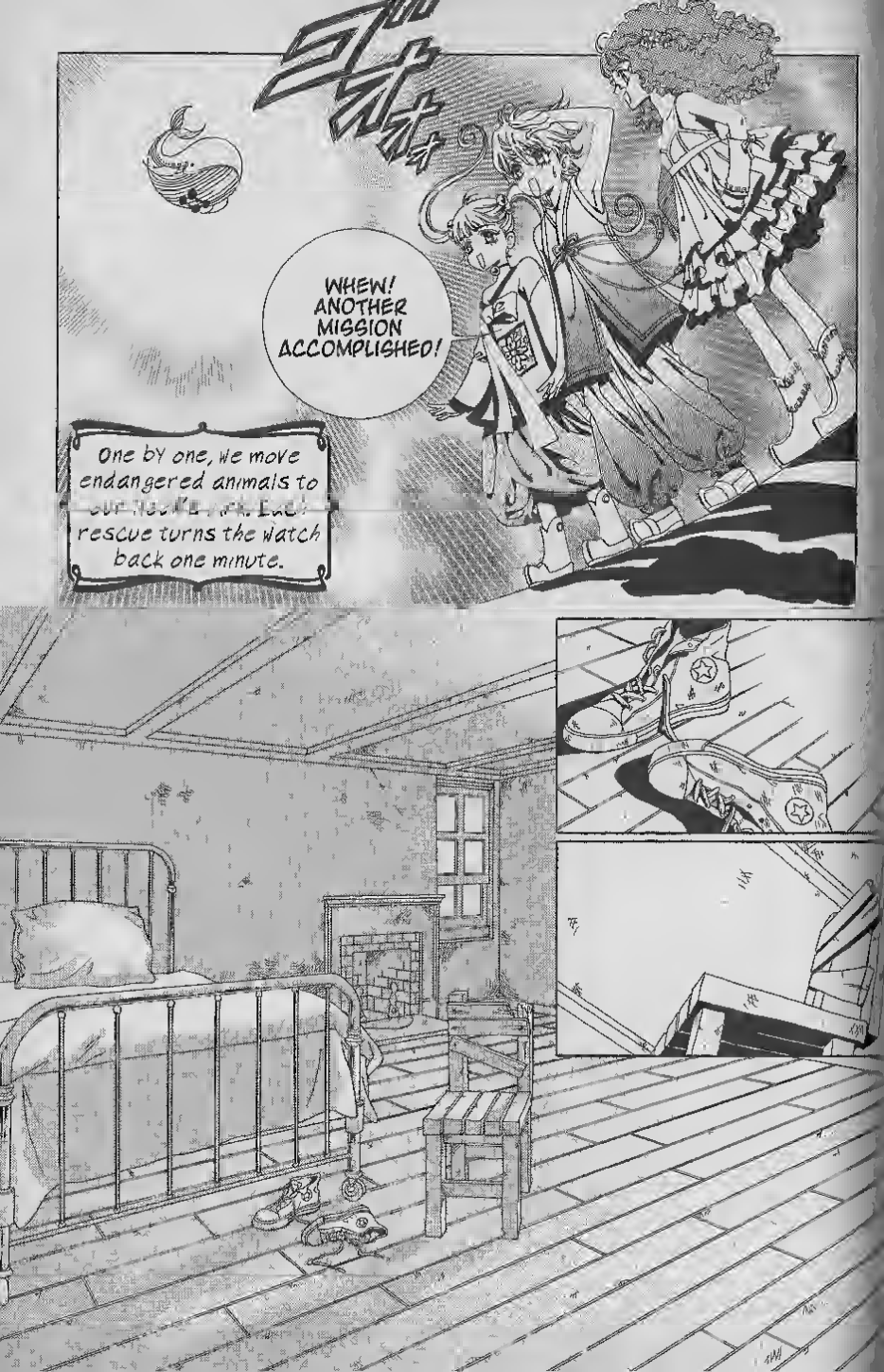
IF HE DIDN'T COME HOME, THEN WHERE DID HE GO?
I WOULDN'T WORRY. HE LOOKED PRETTY OKAY TO ME.

WHAT'S WITH THE GRABBING HANDS, YOU SNEAK?!
AH-HA-HA-HA! MISSED ME!
THAT GUY'S SUCH AN IDIOT. LET'S JUST GO.

Regular humans can't see it, but every world has something called an Environment Watch.
The time it keeps is that of the Earth's lifespan.


When any species becomes extinct the arms of the watch move closer to 12 o'clock.
When it reaches midnight, everything will be destroyed.

All is not lost. There are ways of turning back time.
You must recognize your role in nature...
...recognize that you are as important to your world as it is to you.
And another thing...
NOW!


WHEW! ANOTHER MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!
One by one, we move endangered animals to [illegible]. Each rescue turns the watch back one minute.

DOES ANYONE EVEN LIVE HERE? IT'S TOTALLY EMPTY. NO REFRIGERATOR, NO FURNITURE...
HELLO ?

YOUR OWNER ABANDONED YOU.
DON'T WORRY. YOU'RE BETTER OFF IN THE NATURAL WORLD.
IT MAY STILL HURT A LITTLE, BUT IT'S ALL OKAY.
HIS NAME IS TAMA. A COSMETIC COMPANY USED HIM FOR TESTS.
THAT'S HOW HE LOST HIS EYE.
DON'T BE SCARED.
Meow

I'M AMAZED HE STILL TRUSTS PEOPLE AFTER THAT...
ANIMALS ARE NOT SUSPICIOUS BY NATURE.
SUCH A SWEET BOY!

OH...HI... I-I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT.
HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
AH... I-I... THE DOOR WAS OPEN... MY FRIENDS AND I BROUGHT THIS.
THE DOOR WAS OPEN?
IT'S ALL VERY ODD...
UH-HUH. WE CAME STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL.

YOU'RE LOOKING WELL, IN ANY CASE, SO I'LL GET OUT OF YOUR HAIR...
ULP!
OH, NO! WHAT A DISASTER!

Ha ha ha ha!! Ah-ha ha ha ha.
QUIT LAUGHING! DO YOU HAVE ANY CLOTHES I CAN BORROW? I CAN'T GO HOME LIKE THIS.
MY CLOTHES ARE AT THE CLEANERS, BUT I FOUND THESE IN THE RECYCLE BIN OUTSIDE.
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?! THOSE ARE GIRL'S CLOTHES --!!
SUIT YOURSELF. WEAR PANTS WITH FROSTING ALL OVER THEM. I DON'T CARE.
OH, BOTHER.

I'VE GOT TO GET A PHOTO OF THIS.
IF YOU DO, I'LL HIDE A TACK IN ONE OF YOUR SHOES!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I SAID THAT. WHAT A LAME COMEBACK!

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I WORE A SKIRT.
I FEEL LIKE A GIRL AGAIN.
IMBECILES!! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HINDER THEM, NOT HELP THEM!
B-BUT, THINGS HAD GOTTEN SO OFF TRACK--

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USELESS! YOU MAKE ME WANT TO PUKE, YOU KNOW THAT?
HUH? BUT WE...?
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I SEE I'LL HAVE TO HANDLE THIS MYSELF.
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A few days after the turtle incident, I got a call from our Dad.
I HAVE PREPARED GIFTS FOR MY GIRLS.

"GIFTS"? LIKE SENDING US INTO DANGEROUS SITUATIONS WITH NO MEANS OF DEFENSE?
YOU KNOW, I THOUGHT I HAD LEFT SOMETHING OUT. MOST MANGA HEROES HAVE MAGICAL SEALS AND THE LIKE, DON'T THEY?
YOU ONLY FIGURED THAT OUT NOW?! THAT'S IT, YOU SENILE OLD FOOL! IT'S THE NURSING HOME FOR YOU!!
WAIT, HAMU! DON'T!
HO...YOU'VE GOT SOME TEMPER, BABY.

AH!
UH--!
WHA--?
ALWAYS HAVE HOPE!
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WH-WHAT IS THAT?

WHAT'S IT FOR? HITTING SOMEONE OVER THE HEAD?
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VIOLENCE LIKE THAT WILL DRIVE THIS COMIC BOOK'S RATING TO "17 AND OLDER."
LIKE...LIKE THIS?
IT'S FOR SHEM, TO DRAW OUT YOUR UNTAPPED POWER. JUST LIFT IT LIKE THIS...
DO YOU WANT TO TRY IT, SHEM?

ARRRR!! SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT!!
IN OTHER KID'S COMICS, WHEN YOU SPRINKLE FLOWER POLLEN OR OTHER MAGIC DUST, A HAPPY GIRL GETS PRETTY CLOTHES...
...BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT. IT'S TOTALLY WARPED.
SHEM CAN ONLY ACCESS HER POWER ON HER OWN WHEN SHE'S EXTREMELY ANGRY. THE DUMBBELL CAN BRING IT OUT ANYTIME, AND EVEN SIPHON AN OPPONENT'S POWER.
BUT...
...ITS EFFECTS ONLY LAST FOR FIVE MINUTES. AFTER FIVE MINUTES, YOU RETURN TO YOUR NORMAL STATE.

FIVE.
FOUR.
THREE.
TWO.
ONE.
HMPH! EVEN THOUGH YOU MADE IT, IT SEEMS TO WORK.
AT LEAST YOU WON'T HAVE TO RESORT TO THE TEDDY BEAR PANTIES ANYMORE.
NOW, FOR MY NEXT PRESENT --!

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HIS IDEAS KEEP GETTING WEIRDER.
TSK TSK. GIVE IT A TWIRL FIRST, THEN JUDGE.
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GAHH!! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?! BUBBLES? A JESTER OUTFIT? I CAN'T USE THIS!!
EXCEPT IT UPGRADES YOUR SKILLS TO THE UPPERMOST LEVEL. USE IT TO CREATE WHATEVER VISION YOU WANT.
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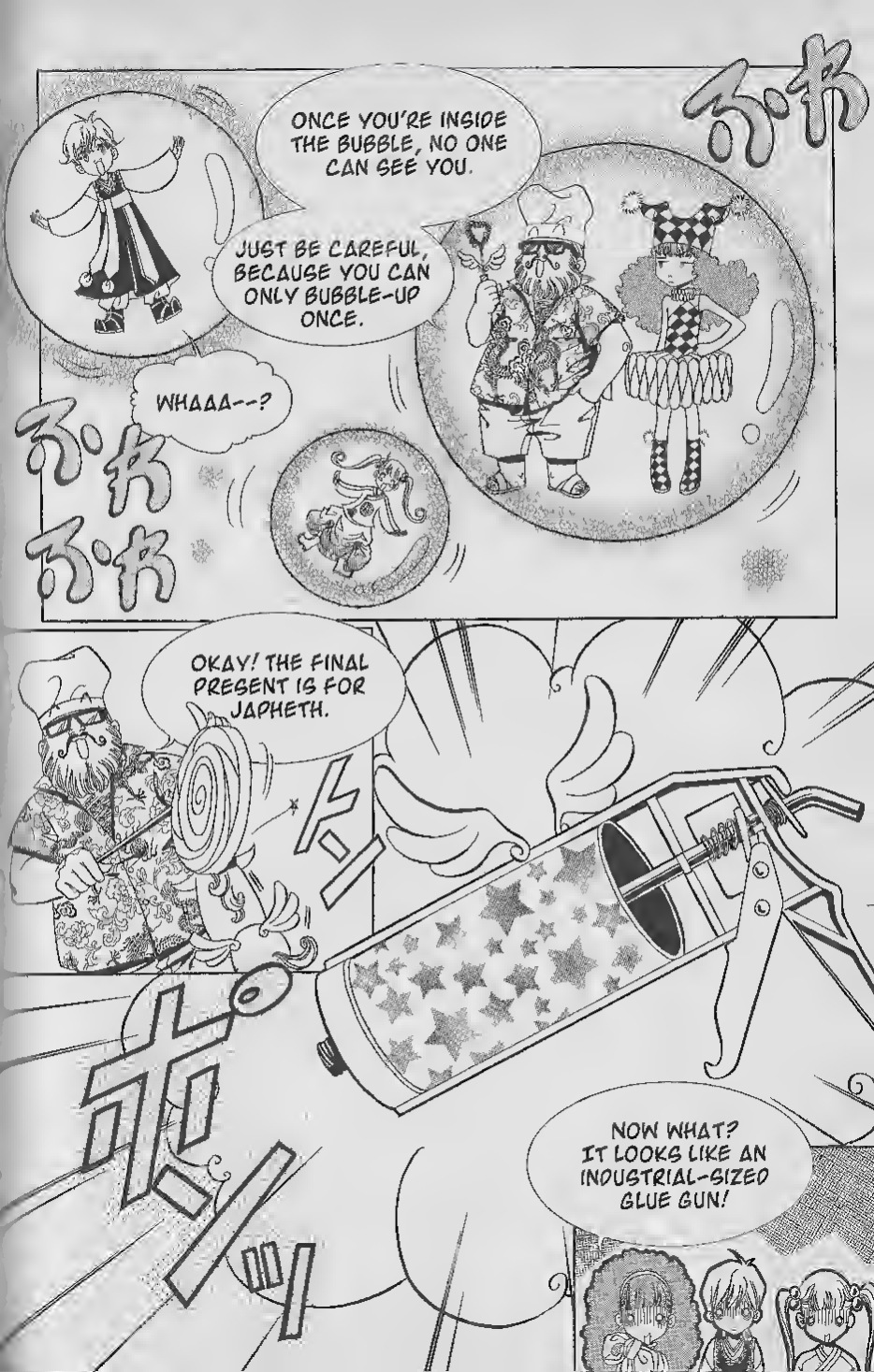
Wowwww!!
HMPH. BIG DEAL.
IT HAS ONE MORE FUNCTION. YOU CAN USE IT TO BECOME INVISIBLE.


ONCE YOU'RE INSIDE THE BUBBLE, NO ONE CAN SEE YOU.
JUST BE CAREFUL, BECAUSE YOU CAN ONLY BUBBLE-UP ONCE.
WHAAA--?
OKAY! THE FINAL PRESENT IS FOR JAPHETH.
NOW WHAT? IT LOOKS LIKE AN INDUSTRIAL-SIZED GLUE GUN!

HOW DO YOU USE THIS?
YOU JUST SHOOT IT.
AHH--!!
OBVIOUSLY, IT'S A BINDING TOOL.
IT SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO USE THAT TIME-STOPPING POWER OF YOURS.

DID WE HAVE TO BE THE GUINEA PIGS?!!
OOOPS. SORRY!
THAT'S NOT ALL. FIRE IT INTO THE AIR!
ICK! THAT'S GROSS!
WHAT'D WE DO TO YOU?!
L-LIKE THIS...?
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IT CAN FIND ANY OBJECT AND STICK TO IT.
OF COURSE, THE GLUE ONLY HOLDS FOR FIVE MINUTES, TOO. OH HO HO HO!

BUT, DAD... I HAVE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.
HUH? WHAT?
I...I KNOW THAT THE MISSION REQUIRES THAT I LIVE HERE AS A BOY, BUT FOR HOW LONG?

IF YOU PUT ME IN DRAG JUST TO MAKE YOURSELF LAUGH, DAD, IT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT'S THE ONLY REASON YOU HAVE TO BE A BOY?
WH-WHAT OTHER EXPLANATION IS THERE?

PERFECT TIMING! EXACTLY THE PERSON I DON'T WANT TO SEE.
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WHENEVER SHE'S AROUND, I GET ALL TENSE.
IS IT ONLY WHEN SHE'S NEARBY?

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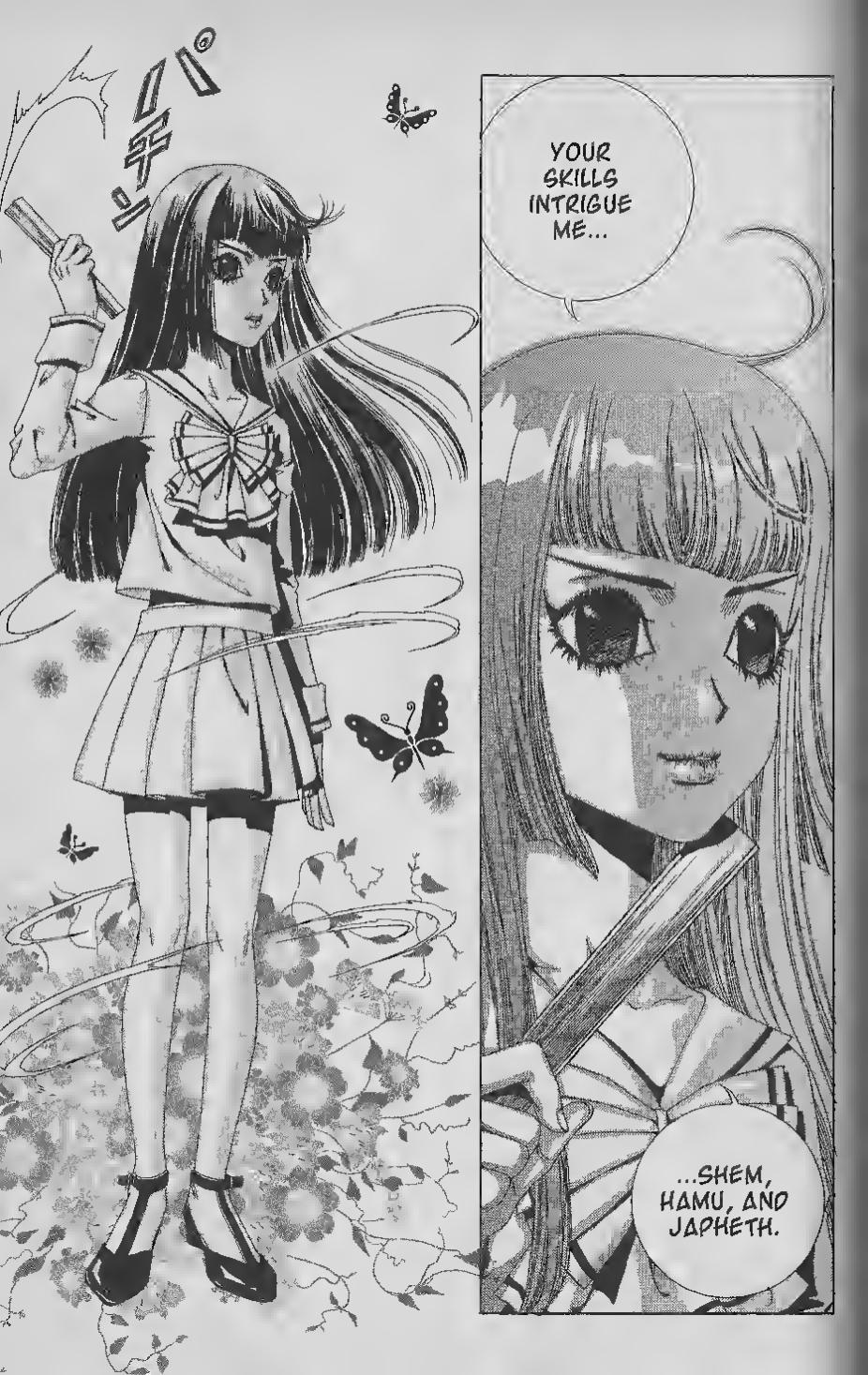
IS THIS REALLY WHERE THEY'RE LIVING?
CAPTAIN, AREN'T I A LITTLE OLD FOR THIS STRANGE UNIFORM?
NO, YOU TWO HAVE TO POSE AS STUDENTS...
...WHILE I PLAY AT BEING TWENTY-NINE AND AN OLD-MAID.
SHUT UP.

THIS PLACE COULD STAND SOME TIDYING UP.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YOUR SKILLS INTRIGUE ME...
...SHEM, HAMU, AND JAPHETH.

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Five minutes later...
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HUH?
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IS ANYONE HOME?
WHAT...IS THIS...?

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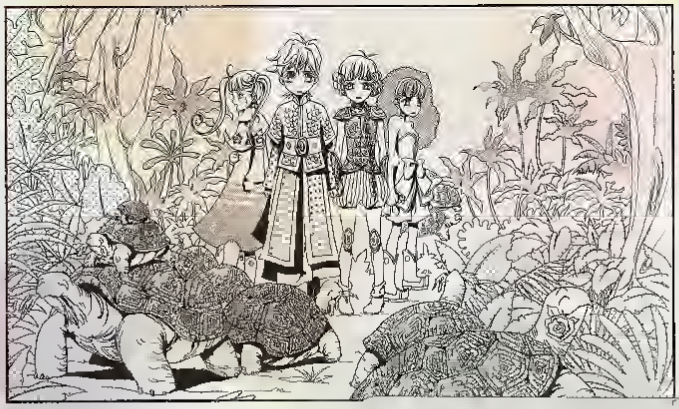

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